GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project has been launched to develop (geranium) medicinal and aromatic plants in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the diseases in which medicines developed from geranium are used;

(d) the availability and consumption of the said medicines in the country, at present; and

(e) the quantity of geranium being imported every year?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) & (b) Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) has sponsored a project to Central Institute of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants(CIMAP), Lucknow for enhanced use of the geranium plants, in Uttranchal.

(c) Geranium oil based products are known to be effective against skin ailments.

(d)&(e) In the country at present no indigenously produced geranium based medicines are reported to be available. According to an estimate country produces around 5 tonnes of oil and imports around 166 tonnes. Entire quantity is used by perfumery industries.